

Planning Board
Minutes
September 27, 2007

The Planning Board meeting convened at 6:40PM with the following members present: John MacMillan, Chairman; Joseph Kalagher; Bruce Whitney, Tom Ruble and Town Planner Eric Smith. Robert MacLeod was absent.

Agenda read by Chairman MacMillan.

Minutes of the September 13, 2007 Planning Board Meeting were approved on motion by Kalagher with a second by Whitney. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Chairman Comments:

- Chairman MacMillan talking with Kevin Schumacher frequently. Lots of discussion on tri-party agreement. In Town Councils hands now.

Town Planner Comments

- Kimberly Hall, 196 Cashman Hill Road wants to repair a stonewall on her property. Eric will advise her to submit a Scenic Road Application.
- Cashman Hill Estates – Work is ongoing. Will run water main and sewer lines in next couple of weeks. Working on detention basin.
- Tru Value – Richard Wright is looking at styles and cost of fencing. Has until end of October to meet requirements.
- GFA – No new happenings.
- Updated Board on discussions at Selectmen's meeting September 17th. Discussion was about town barn relocation, report on Charrette and village center.
- Mass Downtown Imitative Technical Assistance Site Visit Program – Reviewed application categories. Economics of Downtown had consensus of Board members.
- 79 affordable housing survey questionnaires have been returned.

7:00 PM – Open Discussion

- No one present for open discussion.

Old Business

Reviewed draft decision for Scenic Road Permit Application for Ashburnham Woodlot Trust on Willard Road. A motion by Ruble, 2nd by Kalagher, to approve Scenic Road Application 2007-06, Ashburnham Woodlot Trust, 228 Willard Road, was voted 4 to 0 in favor.

7:15PM – ANR

- Schuchard – Cashman Hill Road - Frank Preston, of Whitman and Bingham, presented ANR. After review a motion by Ruble, 2nd by Whitney, to endorse ANR as presented, was voted 4 to 0 in favor. Creates one new lot.

- Lamb – Brook Road – Frank Preston presented ANR. A motion by Chairman MacMillan, 2nd by Kalagher, to take the allotted time to review plan and to put on agenda for PB meeting 10/11/2007 at 7:15PM, was voted 4 to 0 in favor.

7:30 PM – Scenic Road Hearing – Kenny – Packard Hill (Continuation)

- Chairman MacMillan opened hearing.
- No additional comments were presented.
- Chairman MacMillan made motion to close hearing. Voted 4 to 0 in favor.
- Motion by Whitney, 2nd by Kalagher, to approve Scenic Road Application 2007-07 was voted 4 to 0 in favor.
- Chairman MacMillan signed building permit for 150 Packard Hill Road.

Correspondence

- Reviewed various notices.
- Thank you note from Jay Rasku for PB letter of support for Southern Monadnock Plateau Phase II Forest Legacy Application.
- Progress reports for Lakeside Village and Lakeview Estates from Tetra Tech Rizzo.
- MRPC newsletter reviewed.
- Conflict of Interest Ethics Seminar 6PM October 17, 2007.
- Banking and Commercial Weekly article distributed to Board members.
- Ashburnham Affordable Housing Committee will have presentation October 2, 2007 at 6:30PM.

8:30 PM – Discussion with LID Committee on proposed LID Bylaw

Debbie Shriver, Massachusetts Watershed Coalition, gave a presentation on LID principles, techniques, and implementation. Also present were Colin Balogh and Gary Howland. They are seeking support and advice for presentation of proposed bylaw at the Fall Town Meeting. An LID forum will take place on October 24, 2007.

Next PB meeting scheduled for October 11, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce Whitney - Clerk